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Possible in Poland?

Poland in 1988 begins to resemble Poland in past years of crisis. Again workers challenge the Communist Party's power and legitimacy. Again the outcome will reverberate far beyond Poland, in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Adam Michnik, one of Solidarity's key supporters, says that a solution is both "impossible and essential." Striking workers demand more than the party can afford to give without relinquishing unquestioned authority.

Courtesy of the Navy

OPEC's internal quarrel has prevented, for the present, a worldwide agreement among exporters to raise prices. You can consider that a significant, although perhaps temporary, dividend on the U.S. Navy's presence in the Gulf.

Iran. If they see no American ships, they become cautious and accommodating. Ever since its revolution, for both ideological and financial reasons, Iran has been the leader of the push within OPEC for higher prices.

About U.S. Arms Sales

The Reagan administration expects U.S. arms sales to reach \$15 billion this year. Not long ago that news would have touched off earnest but misleading debate on the evils of all arms exports.

Washington's renewed interest in promoting Middle East peace talks, it is more important than ever to reassure Israelis on their security. Sales to Egypt amounting to \$2.7 billion are planned, mostly for the latest U.S. tank.

Other Comment

Genocide Again Unopposed

There is something mystifying, and utterly disturbing, about the lack of response from powerful Western governments to the acts of genocide that have been regularly committed in this century.

We must not repeat the mistakes that have been haunting us since the holocausts in Europe and in Cambodia.

Another Sweep Into Lebanon

Israel [has] sent nearly 2,000 troops into southern Lebanon. Some countries will certainly draw the conclusion that Israel is not content to remain within its current borders.

Gorbachev on Belief: Adieu Official Truth?

By William Pfaff

PARIS—The confession by Mikhail Gorbachev that the persecution of church and believers in the Soviet Union has been wrong, and that believers deserve "the full right to express their convictions with dignity," is the most interesting development yet in the evolution of Soviet reforms.

membership penalized. Anyone who publicly professed Christianity thereby put a limit on his career. There have also been secret believers, of course. Mr. Gorbachev's grandparenthood reportedly among them.

It is a change much more important than the admission of a plurality of political views. The party as Hungarian reformers currently propose — something which may also be on the agenda of the Soviet party conference set for the end of next month.

leaders of the Orthodox Church must be seen in the light of his struggle with ideological opponents in the party and his need for support wherever he can find it.

Nuts and Bolts of Reform in China

By Geneva Overholser

NEW YORK — "We are building socialism with Chinese features," say China's leaders. Right. But what about cooking oil? Should the government end its subsidy? What would be the reaction from the cities, where meat and chicken prices went up 17 percent last year?

price increases, the commission does extensive polling. Mr. Lu thinks that 6 percent a year is bearable. The official rate last year was 7.5 percent, but in new urban free markets some staple foods went up by 20 percent.

Mr. Lu can list, from memory, the percentage by which prices increased in nine countries between 1972 and 1982. This is an interpreter's nightmare, but he has a purpose: to demonstrate to a visitor that China is not alone in the struggle with prices and price reform.

The Chinese spend so little on housing that they have much left for appliances. Meeting this demand drains resources that could be going to build machines to increase industrial production. Such rationalizations, in Mr. Lu's opinion, demand correction. He is confident that they will be corrected.

Why NATO Can't Agree to Vacate Europe's Seas

By Carlisle A. H. Trost

Admiral Trost is U.S. chief of naval operations.

WASHINGTON — While public attention in Europe and United States remains captivated by nuclear arms control issues, a less dramatic Soviet diplomatic initiative is under way — a new "peace offensive" that has escaped the attention it merits.

ed. Do these measures truly serve the cause of peace, or are they aimed at casting the Soviet Union as the pre-eminent peacemaker while gaining military advantage over NATO?

Much of the discussion of the Soviet proposals has centered on the sincerity of Soviet leaders: Do they truly believe that restrictions on maritime forces will reduce East-West tensions and enhance stability, or are they seeking ploys to tilt the military balance in their advantage?

As a great land power opposing a maritime coalition, the Soviet Union benefits from the geopolitical asymmetry of being able to achieve its territorial aims in the event of war without depending on the seas.

Mediterranean Bases: Thinking of Oil Might Help

By John C. Ausland

SLO — After his election in February as president of Cyprus, George Vassiliou told a journalist that his first priority was to get rid of foreign troops. Asked whether this included the British, he said their bases were an anachronism but he could not, of course, force them out.

can land and air units to that region. Given past allied performance, the Pentagon must base its plans for a Gulf crisis on the assumption that neither Greece nor Spain would cooperate. Nor is it certain that it would be able to use the Azores. So it is developing alternate facilities.

money on bases in eastern Turkey, which could be useful in a Gulf crisis. Turkish authorities insist the bases are for use only in declared NATO crises.

Oral of Turkey should create a better atmosphere, but they will not relieve Mr. Papandreu of the need to be seen to be bargaining hard.

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improving facilities at Moroccan air bases for servicing U.S. aircraft. The Pentagon had hoped to develop elaborate base facilities at Ras Banas, on the Red Sea, but the Egyptian government was unwilling to have such a large U.S. presence and the negotiations collapsed.

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What is puzzling is why it took the Pentagon so long to accept the Spanish demand. Once Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez had committed himself as part of his campaign to keep Spain in NATO, he could not back off.

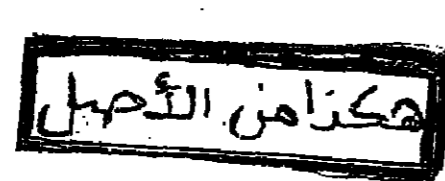
100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Legislative Trifles
LONDON — Our legislators today [May 4] tackled a variety of "unconsidered trifles," and the sitting conveyed the idea of one of those theatrical benefits where the performers give a scene out of a large number of plays but rarely the last act of any one. Parcels postmen, King Ja. the Chinese in Australia, all occupied a few minutes of the nation's time.

1913: Duke Is Attacked
BERLIN — An attack was made by a supposed Anarchist on the Grand Duke of Baden today [May 4]. The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess

1938: Madrid Is Shelled
MADRID — Fifty civilians were killed and several hundred wounded in a bombardment of Madrid [on May 3] by Nationalist artillery.

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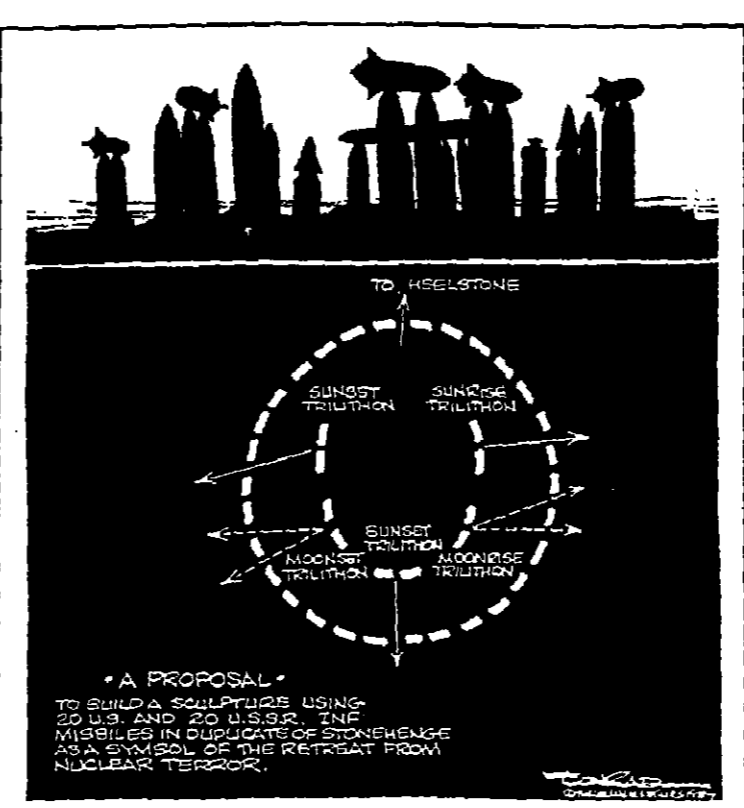
OPINION

This Self-Inflation Fiesta Is Brought to You by INF

By Jim Fain

WASHINGTON — The United States Senate is about to debate the Euronissie treaty that Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev signed with such self-congratulatory pomp in December. If you have never seen pointer pigeons fully puffed, drop everything and come at once. It's a modest treaty. It would eliminate missiles of 500- to 5,500-kilometer range from the Continent but spare strategic missiles capable of taking out all potential targets five times over. It ought to be ratified as an earnest of willingness to get on with meaningful arms reductions. Almost surely it will be — but not without rafter-ringing theatrics. Like much of what goes on in Washington, the sound and fury will not be about what it purports to be. The debate will have virtually nothing to do with INF. It will have a great deal to do with senatorial noses ground too frequently in the dirt by a confrontational White House. It will be mightily concerned with fears of what comes next. Senator David Boren, an Oklahoma Democrat, is upset because he has labored manfully at the impossible dream of getting President Reagan's attention. Chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence, he is convinced that America needs to beef up its reduced satellite-spy capability before it gets into any strategic missile deal. The White House promised him it would actually pin down a few minutes of the president's siesta time for a briefing. It hasn't — and Mr. Boren is talking filibuster on INF — not that INF has anything to do with the satellite issue. It's just that such irrelevant barter is how the system works. You vote against closing your defense base, and I'll get you tickets to Redskins games. Then there's Senator Sam Nunn, the Georgia Democrat who has been nursing

a legitimate grievance ever since Mr. Reagan's storm troopers told him the Senate should not have taken Richard Nixon's word for what the 1972 ABM treaty really meant. (Mr. Reagan wanted to reinterpret the treaty to permit "star wars.") Mr. Nunn will take his revenge by recrossing every "I" in the Euronissie pact. As usual, the Reagan administration has done itself in with abysmal hamfistedness in messaging the issue. It says one thing, does two others and manages to renege on most of its commitments. And then there's the self-inflation syndrome, the need of every congressional player to huff himself into apologetic absurdity whenever there's a television camera within range. You and I, neighbor, with the best of intentions, made possible such gaseous carnivals. Starting about 1970, we decided that Congress needed more staff so it could hold its own with an over-stuffed executive branch. In less than two decades, we trebled the number of congressional helpers. Before World War II, a representative had a secretary and a clerk. Senators averaged four aides apiece. Now House members have as many as 22 staffers and senators can go as high as 80. Back when congressmen had to figure out for themselves what they thought, they flew off in fewer directions. Now they have human pumps in their outer offices to inflate them for such Macy parades as the INF debate. Once this political charade plays out, INF almost certainly will be ratified, as it should be. But not before prodigious waste of time, wind and TV tape. We need to find ways of cutting staff size, executive and congressional, so as to throw politicians back on their own resources for making fools of themselves. They've proved they can do the job. Cox News Service.



Missilehenge. A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A CULTURE USING 20 U.S. AND 20 U.S.S.R. INF MISSILES IN DUPLICATES OF STONEHENGE AND AS A MEANS OF RETREAT FROM NUCLEAR TERROR. By TIM in L'Espresso (Paris) C&W Syndicate.

When Are the Wars Finally Over?

By Ina Navazelskis

IT IS May. Outside my parents' home near Boston, lilacs and lilies of the valley are in bloom. In late afternoon the sun takes on an orange glow and trees in the backyard cast long shadows. It is one of those rare days with a fragrance so full I want to capture and save it for times less beautiful, less rich, less warm. A quiet day. The house is peaceful. Still. With the porch door open, I sit in the dining room and sew. In the garage, my father builds a wooden cabinet. We are alone that afternoon, each unhurried and absorbed in our tasks. Unexpectedly, old friends drop by and pull my father from his work. They move onto the porch. Beer is poured. A soft breeze brings more fragrance into the house. The talk turns, as so often when these friends come together, to the war. Not any current war, nor any recent war. Nor any of the wars that have plagued parts of the world during the last four decades. There was never any confusion about it. In our house, "the war" was World War II. My parents were not that old when it broke out. In fact they were younger than I am now. By the time it ended, their world had been turned upside down. They no longer had any homes to speak of. Witnesses to Nazi and Soviet ambitions played out in a deadly dance on the Eastern front, they had seen many die, many deported, many simply disappear. They found themselves in camps for refugees — "displaced persons" was the official term — in West Germany. They fled Lithuania in December 1944 fully intending to go back in six months. They did not know that the six months would last a lifetime. Still, they considered themselves lucky. At least they were in the British zone. At least they were in the West. I have no photographs of my mother taken before 1939. In the closing months of the war, they were all left behind in the rush to flee a city (Kaunas) gone mad with fear. One occupying army had retreated, another was about to appear. When nowadays they go back to visit, they are strangers in a landscape that has reminders of their past, but which no longer belongs to them. What legacy remains? The war tore apart a society. Like an earthquake it swallowed some, hurled others into places they never dreamed of going to, and kept still others — perhaps those who had the hardest fate of all — firmly rooted to the scene of the devastation. Husbands and wives lost each other. Parents who last saw their children as babies next laid eyes on them as middle-aged strangers, if at all. Friends disappeared, or put on uniforms that made them friends no longer. Forty-three years is a long time. When he fled Lithuania, my father did not think that he was saying goodbye to his home and his parents forever. They died before he returned. He has been back to his village only once. A carved wooden box, the kind that is common in souvenir shops in Vilnius, sits on his dresser in Massachusetts. It contains dried earth from their grave, and it will be buried with him. I am not surprised that the talk between my father and his friends on this afternoon in May turns to the war. I think of all those newer, more recent refugees who have been coughed up on America's shores from Vietnam, Cambodia, Latin America and so many other places they will probably never go back to. Who knows what they have all witnessed? I wonder what they will talk of 43 years from now. The shooting stopped in May 1945 — the month when lilacs and lilies of the valley are in bloom. But when does a war actually end? How long does it take before all that was destroyed and forever lost no longer matters? The writer, a journalist, is a Robert Bosch Foundation fellow serving an internship with the weekly newspaper Die Zeit in Hamburg. She contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drug Addiction: Prevention Is Better Than Tentative Cure

The New York Times editorial "Fighting the Drug War: Demand Can Be Cut" (April 15) correctly stresses the need for the U.S. government — and, by extension, other governments — to attack the demand side of drugs as much as the supply side. Adequate mention is not made, however, of all those nongovernmental organizations in America and elsewhere (far too many to list), many with active affiliates in local communities, that work to educate the public in order to create the awareness necessary for our friends, our children and others to steer clear of drugs. Without those organizations' efforts, the demand would presumably be greater. But the lead they provide must be carried through at the family level — which is difficult when there are stressful relationships within a family or when the

parents lack the motivation or ability to deal with the problem. The editorial advocates a "national commitment to drug treatment." But treatment and rehabilitation programs are extremely costly and not assured of success. That does not mean that they should be abandoned, but that education and awareness programs must have at least equal priority. People who have undergone successful treatment still refer to themselves as "addicts," not as "ex-addicts." Therein lies a key to understanding that prevention, by perhaps more than one ounce of education and awareness, is far easier to manage than the cure. The editorial raises the issue of legalizing the drug trade. But drug trafficking is not analogous to the bootlegging of 1919-1933. For one thing, international trade in illicit liquor was limited because Prohibition existed in the United States and few other places. Second, although alcohol addiction and drug addiction are similar diseases, alcoholism does not affect youth as much as drug addiction, which has become a catastrophe of our times. Adequate statistics for 1919-1933 are probably not available, but it is unlikely that alcohol addiction grew appreciably during Prohibition. Legalizing drugs might drive prices down but it would not deglamorize the lure of drugs. Would we then bother to provide treatment for the greater number of addicts who would be legally free to buy and use drugs? In fact, do we provide adequate treatment now for alcoholics? GILBERT H. SHEINBAUM, Colombo Plan Bureau, Colombo.



By RAUSDE in the Times-Columbian (Portland, Me.) C&W Syndicate.

Democrats as Usual

In "At the Democrats' Table, a Wild Time" (Opinion, April 15), Ross K. Baker complains that "rampant individualism" puts "the candidate, not the party, at the center of the campaigns." But the American party system has always been an affair of every man for himself, winner take all and get together periodically to elect someone. European parties have disciplinary powers and policy activities between elections, and American parties never have had. Why single out the Democrats now? The fact is that for decades the party has been one to which nobody came, for lack of interest. The Democratic Party has to show that it can nominate someone who can interest voters and nonvoters, not just political scientists and party hacks. Jesse Jackson is interesting. Professor Baker's "party problem" is how to keep the Jackson drive and enthusiasm without Mr. Jackson. But without him there are legions of voters and workers and contributors who will sit out yet another election for simple lack of interest. T.J. BARRETT, Paris.

William Pfaff, in "U.S. Democracy Hostage to Mobilized Minorities" (April 6), chastises Mr. Jackson, amazingly enough, with Ronald Reagan. He calls Mr. Jackson a candidate of a vocal minority to which American democracy would be a hostage. But in a country where more than half of the electorate does not vote (as Mr. Pfaff points out), any candidate can be made to look like a minority representative. G. L. SHARMA, Bombay.

For Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, as he descended on New York in search of votes, it was self-evident that some people are entitled to self-rule and to choose their leadership, but others, the Palestinians, are a special case. As an American of Palestinian origin, I take strong exception. SAMI J. JADALLAH, Geneva.

The opinion column "Democrats Reply: The Candidates Face the Nuclear Question" (April 21) quotes the Bible as saying, "Thou shalt love thine enemy as thyself." Matthew 22:39 reads, "Thou shalt love thine neighbor as thyself." "Love your enemies" comes from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:44): "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." If the Democrats couldn't put this principle into practice in New York City, how can they hope to apply it in Moscow? JOE CONTRERAS, Barcelona.

Read the Reports and Don't Forget to Scream

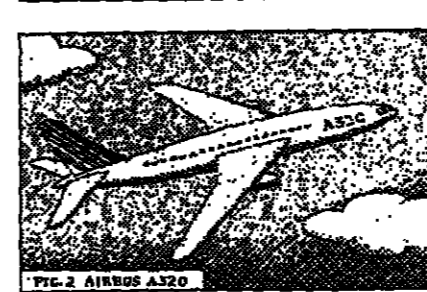
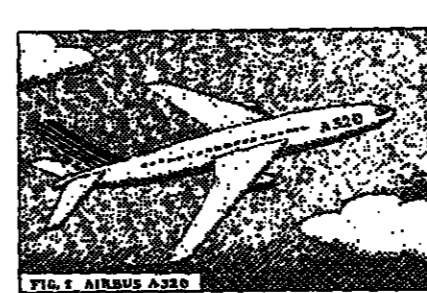
May I congratulate you on featuring the opinion column by A. M. Rosenthal, "They Die in Private Wars, Their Agonies Unwitnessed" (Opinion, April 27). The examples cited are horrifying and distressing, and there are many more such unwatched human tragedies — in Angola and Mozambique, for example. May we at least, through the medium of intelligent journalism, continue to be reminded that the privileged have a duty not to remain indifferent to the plight of so many suffering peoples around the world. Let us not forget to "scream." M. DUC-OWEN, Gland, Switzerland.

A Spreading Rebellion

The controversy provoked by last month's Danish parliamentary resolution requiring notification of visiting warships that they must not carry nuclear arms into Danish ports is not about the future of allied defense cooperation. The presence of nuclear weapons in Denmark is not necessary to defend the country in time of war. Instead, the controversy is about whether the great powers are under the obligation to respect the official Danish policy proclaimed three decades ago to the effect that in time of peace, introduction of nuclear weapons into the country is prohibited. If the Danes have now decided to seek specific assurances of compliance, they must possess evidence that their policy has been disregarded. The rebellion started by New Zealand, against the great-power policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons on board vessels entering foreign ports, is spreading. Who will be the next rebel? JOZEF GOLDBLAT, Director of Arms Control Studies, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

I was dismayed by the New York Times editorial "Judge but Do Not Kill" (April 29) — yet another voice calling for clemency for the mass

ON MAY 9th 1988 YOU'LL HAVE TWO CHANCES TO GO UP IN HISTORY.



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THE FINE ART OF FLYING AIR FRANCE

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Late Program Sales Hit NYSE

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange retreated Wednesday in slow trading, dragged down late in the day by futures-related sell programs that met no resistance. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 22.05 to close at 2,036.31, after rising 15.09 points Tuesday. The index showed a deficit of around 10 points for most of the session until the sell programs began shortly after 3 P.M. Volume totaled 141.32 million shares, down from 176.92 million traded Tuesday. "We had a couple of sell programs in the afternoon," said Ernie Rudnet, manager of block trading at Mahon, Nugent & Co. in New York. "We did not see institutional selling in this very light volume." Mr. Rudnet said the market remained "basically sound" but was a little nervous before the release of U.S. unemployment figures for April on Friday. Broader market indexes also lost ground. The New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.26 points to 147.31. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 2.68 to 260.32. The price of an average share lost 28 cents. "There's a little disappointment over the lack of follow-through from Tuesday," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Kidder, Peabody & Co. "The market is still suffering from widespread uncertainty." He said a flood of favorable corporate earnings reports and a decline in oil prices had been unable to fuel any sustained advance. "Investors are sitting on the sidelines in anticipation of something really exciting," Mr. Acampora said. "And until we get it, we'll just muddle through." The market is eager to get a look at the unemployment data for April, he said. One concern is that the report will show a further decline in the jobless rate, which could allow the Federal Reserve Board to ease less accommodating in credit policy for fear of higher inflation. "The market is waiting for the report, but it's an excuse to do nothing," Mr. Acampora said. "The cash is out there, but the sentiment is confused." Union Carbide was the most active NYSE issue, off 4 to 23 3/4. Zayre followed, up 1/4 to 25, and Navistar was third, up 3/4 to 6 1/4. AT&T was down 3/4 to 26 1/2. IBM fell 1/4 to 113 1/4. Allegis rose 5/4 to 90, on reports that United Airlines' pilots are planning to pursue a \$110-a-share takeover bid pending the outcome of a suit. Digital Equipment added 3/4 to 107 1/4. Cray Research was up 3/4 to 86 1/4. Among the blue chips, General Electric was off 1 to 59 1/4, Woolworth was down 1 1/2 to 59 1/4, Eastman Kodak was down 1/4 to 41 1/4, American Express was off 1/4 to 23 1/4, USX was down 3/4 to 31 1/4 and Merck was off 2 to 157 1/4.

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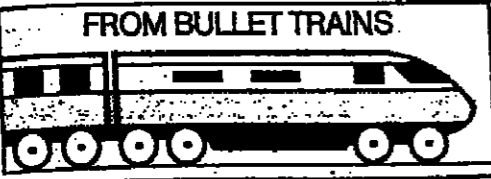
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Advice to Applicants: Don't Take 'No' for an Answer

By SHERRY BUCHANAN

LONDON — Almost everybody has received rejection letters at one time or other. To soothe bruised egos, some candidates paper their bathroom walls with their rejection letters. On business school campuses, students throw parties where "By Rejection Only" guests have to show their rejection letters at the door to be admitted. No matter how shattered the ego, however, outplacement consultants in Europe, who usually collect their fees from companies for helping redundant managers find jobs elsewhere, advise applicants not to take no for an answer. In cases where the candidate has had an interview with the company, he or she should contact the company even after receiving a rejection letter. "Never let anything go unless you are convinced it is a dead duck," said Cyril Marks, managing director of Coucus Career Consultancy Ltd., a London outplacement firm. Experts advise that job applicants should call up the headhunter or the corporate officer who interviewed them to find out why they weren't hired, what their good and bad points were. A written note, stressing continued interest in the company, may be more appropriate if the company has not followed up properly. "Ninety percent of the candidates," managing director of Nouvelles Carrières, a Paris outplacement firm, "Candidates must learn not to take the rejection personally and must be able to consider themselves as products. Finding out why they were rejected is essential for continuing their job searches successfully. "There may not be much you can do to change a company's mind," said Patricia A. Craver, general manager of Fuchs Cuitmünd, an outplacement firm in Paris. "But you can always turn the reel, an outplacement firm in Paris. Ask them to give you persons you interviewed with into contacts. Ask them to give you a half-hour of their time. People feel warm all over because everybody likes to be asked for advice."

At the same time, consultants stress that applicants should not be aggressive. Putting headhunters or corporate recruiters on the defensive by berating them for not hiring the candidate will do more harm than good. "Candidates who have been rejected should ask for information and try to find out why they weren't hired, but playing with the company's marbles and challenging their decision-making process does not help," said Peter Gardiner-Hill, managing director of GEN Ltd., an outplacement firm in London. More frequently than showing aggressive behavior, however, applicants do not follow up at all when they have received rejection letters. A common reason for letting the matter drop is that large companies often use standard rejection letters with impersonal tone of the letters, which often aren't even written by the person the candidate had an interview with, is a definite put-off for many otherwise hardy candidates. If standardized rejection letters should not discourage candidates from contacting the firm again, they should make candidates think twice about the company's management style. "A company which sends a standard rejection letter indicates that their dealings with people are so poor you may not want to work for them," said Leslie Robinson, deputy managing director of Pauline Hyde, an outplacement firm in London. "These companies usually hide behind junior personnel managers who lack experience and sensitivity. Another reason for follow-up is that a second rejection helps some candidates face reality. "To be left with a rejection letter can be frustrating," said Mr. Robinson. "At least, knowing that you have followed it up is therapeutic."

Currency Rates

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LTV Sets Corporate Overhaul

Bankruptcy Plan Cuts Back Steel

DALLAS — LTV Corp., whose bankruptcy case is among the largest in U.S. corporate history, announced on Wednesday a reorganization plan that includes scaling back steel operations and restructuring the company around existing business divisions. The board of the giant steel, aerospace and military company has already approved the plan for emergency bankruptcy proceedings. It is being submitted to creditors for consideration, Raymond A. Hay, LTV's chairman and chief executive officer, said at a news conference. Mr. Hay declined to disclose the amounts that any of LTV's creditors would receive under the plan. He predicted a long negotiating process with creditors. LTV filed in July 1986 for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code. Its liabilities total about \$6 billion and include a \$2 billion claim by the government-run Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. The agency took over three LTV pension plans in 1987 but then turned them back to LTV, arguing that the company should have funded them. The matter is in court. Mr. Hay said the company was offering the agency a "substantial recovery." Pension plans will remain terminated in the interim, he said. Earlier, The Dallas Times Herald said the company was expected to propose paying creditors 15 to 30 cents on the dollar. Asked about the report, Mr. Hay said, "Nothing is accurate until it is negotiated." He said the reorganization plan called for no further layoffs or plant closings by the Dallas-based company, which has 48,115 employees worldwide. The reorganization plan includes improving the bar segment of LTV's steel business, which has been consistently unprofitable. Mr. Hay said that the plan had already been presented to small creditor committees and would be presented to the full creditors committee next week. (AP, Reuters)



Workers leaving the Volkswagen plant at Wolfsburg: A right to work, but not on Sundays.

IBM Confronts West German Labor Exemption From Sunday No-Work Rule Stirs a Furor

By Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — The attitude of West German labor toward working on Sunday can be summed up in one word: never. But that conviction, so deeply rooted in the German consciousness that it is enshrined in the nation's constitution, is now being tested in a court battle between IBM Deutschland GmbH and the powerful IG Metall metalworkers union over an exemption permitting the company to begin Sunday production of computer chips. Labor and church officials, who see the ban on Sonntagsarbeit as an inalienable workers' right, say the exemption is part of a concerted campaign by West German industry to make Sunday work the rule rather than the exception. The nation's corporate leaders, while denying any collusion, counter that the never-on-Sunday law is an anachronism that jeopardizes West Germany's economic competitiveness and highlights the inflexibility of the work force. The resolution of this conflict, which could ultimately come in constitutional court, promises to have far-reaching implications for West Germany's economy, as well as the future structure of a society increasingly concerned with leisure time. Late last week, IG Metall, which represents IBM workers, filed suit in Stuttgart labor court challenging the legality of an agreement announced last month between the company and its workers' councils on the terms of Sunday production of chips at the company's Sindelfingen plant. "We are challenging the agreement on the grounds that it violates the contract IG Metall's Stuttgart office, who is coordinating the union's efforts to reverse the exemption. "If the court agrees, then Sunday production will not be allowed."

Lawson's Credibility Is Being Tested in G-7

Continuing Dispute With Thatcher Undermines Chancellor's Position

By Warren Getler International Herald Tribune LONDON — The ongoing rift over exchange-rate policy between Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her chief economic policy architect, Nigel Lawson, has begun to undermine Mr. Lawson's credibility among monetary officials from the Group of Seven industrial nations. The rift, which apparently is based on fundamental policy differences, could lead Mr. Lawson, the chancellor of the Exchequer, to tender his resignation, according to political and economic observers in London. "It looks kind of silly to have had Nigel Lawson promoting a grand scheme of managed float exchange rates for the world economy in a Washington speech last September in Washington, when back in London, he can't even bring his own government on board," said a senior aide to a non-British central banker. The Group of Seven, made up of monetary officials from the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada, has agreed to promote currency stability through coordinated intervention in foreign currency markets. The banker, who requested anonymity, was referring to a decision by Mrs. Thatcher in early March to allow the pound to rise in response to market forces. The decision effectively dissolved a year-long policy, engineered by Mr. Lawson's Treasury, to keep the pound in a "shadow," unofficial trading range of 2.90 to 3 Deutsche marks through market intervention and official interest-rate adjustments. That "shadowing" policy conducted by Mrs. Thatcher was an alternative to anchoring the pound to the low-inflation Deutsche mark through the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism. Mrs. Thatcher has virtually vetoed British entry into the EMS, which obliges member nations to intervene to keep exchange values within agreed parities, for fear of a loss of national sovereignty. Mr. Lawson has continued to argue for a policy of currency intervention and interest rate cuts to stabilize — or lower — the value of the pound against the dollar and, more specifically, the Deutsche mark. An unabridged, resurgent pound is a serious threat to British competitiveness and, thus, to the nation's optimistic growth prospects, he has said. But Mrs. Thatcher has said publicly on several occasions that large-scale intervention and repeated rate cuts threaten to unleash an

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U.K. to Review Kuwait's 22% Holding in BP

By Warren Getler International Herald Tribune LONDON — The government, evoking the possibility that British Petroleum Co. could come under Kuwaiti control, announced an inquiry Wednesday into whether the Gulf nation's 22 percent holding in the giant oil company was against Britain's interest. Analysts said the surprise announcement appeared to signal a shift in the government's relatively laissez-faire attitude toward foreign takeovers of British companies. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will conduct a four-month investigation. It could then direct that the Kuwait Investment Office, an arm of the Kuwaiti government, refrain from increasing its interest in the oil company, which is the world's third largest. The commission could even order the Kuwaitis to sell their holding. But oil industry analysts said they believed that was unlikely and that the government action was, rather, a shot across the Kuwaitis' bow to dissuade them from buying more shares. Since November, the Kuwaiti agency has amassed well over half of the 31.5 percent stake in BP that the British government disposed of on Oct. 31. "The implications of BP coming under the influence or control of a government with substantial oil interests and which is a member of OPEC raises questions of public interests," said Lord Young, the trade and industry secretary, in announcing the investigation. Analysts said that the intervention of the Department of Trade and Industry might signal a "get-tough" stance on foreign-based raids on British companies if they are conducted by state-owned entities or are based in countries that bar British or other foreign companies from acquiring control of companies there. The decision to order the inquiry is expected to fuel a campaign, led by Michael Heseltine, a Conservative member of Parliament, to have Nestlé SA and Jacobs Suchard AG's stakes in the British chocolate maker Rowntree PLC referred to the commission on the ground that

Consolidated Financial Highlights

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U.S. Futures Via The Associated Press

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8 U.S. Companies In Satellite-Relay Mobile Phone Deal

By Keith Bradsher. LOS ANGELES—After 15 months of negotiations, Hughes Communications and seven other companies have formed a consortium to build a \$750 million satellite system that could make voice and data communications possible to and from trucks and cars almost anywhere in North America.

U.S. Car Sales Off 5.8%

DETROIT—Sales of U.S.-made cars fell 5.8 percent in April from levels a year earlier, automakers reported Wednesday. Sales of light-duty trucks among the automakers that build them rose 4.1 percent for the latest month.

Currency Options

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Airbus, Lockheed In A-320 Talks

HANNOVER, West Germany—Airbus Industrie, the European aerospace consortium, is negotiating with Lockheed Corp., the U.S. aircraft maker, for the joint development of a stretched, medium-haul version of its A-320 airliner.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

VW's Profit Rose Slightly Last Year

WOLFSBURG, West Germany — Volkswagen AG, pinched by losses at its foreign subsidiaries, reported Wednesday that group net profit had risen just 3.1 percent in 1987, to 598 million Deutsche marks (\$356.6 million).

1988, to 144 million DM, and a 1.6 percent increase in parent net, to 129 million DM.

Volkswagen of Mexico had been hit by a two-month strike and reported a loss for the year.

Hoechst Posts 19% Rise in Pretax Profit

FRANKFURT — Hoechst AG, the large West German chemicals group, said Wednesday that first-quarter pretax profit surged 19.5 percent over a year earlier, to 820 million Deutsche marks (\$488 million) from 686 million DM.

\$1.2 Billion Hylsa Debt Rescheduled

DALLAS — Hylsa SA, Mexico's largest privately owned steelmaker, has won a rescheduling of its \$1.2 billion debt after six years of negotiations with 68 lenders.

The agreement contained options of a public sector debt exchange and a term debt restructuring for the lenders.

Under the first option, a majority of the lenders chose to end their association with Hylsa and exchange their Hylsa obligations for Mexican sovereign debt through the public sector debt exchange option, bank officials said.

£246 Million Being Offered For Crowther

LONDON — Thomas Robinson Group PLC, an engineering company, offered £245.8 million (\$460 million) Wednesday for John Crowther Group PLC, a textile and carpet maker that has agreed to be bought by another bidder.

BP: U.K. Investigates Kuwait Stake

(Continued from first finance page) review of the Kuwaiti holding, focusing on whether it "would be against the public interest."

Montedison In Venture With ENI

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Investors to Get a Look Into Brokers' Closets

WASHINGTON — Investors who wonder about the ethics of their stockbrokers will be able to check into their backyards under new rules that have been adopted by the National Association of Securities Dealers.

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Montedison said consolidated net profit rose 27.8 percent, to 409 billion lire (\$327 million) in 1987 from 320 billion lire the year before.

The company is controlled by Gruppo Ferruzzi, Italy's second largest private industrial group.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) 4th May 1988

Table with multiple columns listing various international funds, their symbols, and current market prices. Includes funds like AL-MAL Group, APAC Financial Corp, and various global and regional equity and bond funds.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION To the Holders of KINGDOM OF SWEDEN Floating Rate Notes Due 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the holders of the outstanding Floating Rate Notes Due 2000 of the Kingdom of Sweden that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated June 5, 1985 and the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the Kingdom of Sweden intends to redeem on June 7, 1988 all of its outstanding Notes, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Payments will be made on and after June 7, 1988 against presentation and surrender of Bearer Notes with coupons due December 1988 and subsequent attached in U.S. Dollars, subject to applicable laws and regulations, either (a) at the office of the Fiscal Agent in New York City, or (b) at the main offices of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main and London or Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourg.

Suchard Raises Its Stake

LONDON — Jacobs Suchard AG has raised its stake in the British chocolate maker Rowntree PLC to 23.48 percent from 21.14 percent of the company's shares, Suchard's broker, S. G. Warburg Securities Ltd., said Wednesday. Nestlé SA, made a £2.1 billion (\$3.95 billion) bid for Rowntree last week.

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Suchard's stake in Rowntree PLC is now 23.48 percent. The company's revenue rose 13.79 trillion lire in 1987, up from 12.83 trillion lire in 1986, and proposed unchanged 1987 ordinary and savings share dividends.

Wednesday's AMEX Closing

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Floating-Rate Notes

Table listing Floating-Rate Notes with columns for Issuer, Maturity, Coupon, and Bid/Ask prices.

Banque ARJIL

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Banque ARJIL, held on April 26, 1988, approved the accounts for 1987 as presented by the Executive Board. Executive Board Chairman Mr. Christian GIACOMOTTO reviewed the principal activities of Banque ARJIL since it began operations in April, 1987.

Weekly net asset value

Table listing various investment funds and their weekly net asset values, including DP America Growth Fund, Tokyo Pacific Holdings N.V., and Indigo Take-off.

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Advertisement for Indigo Take-off with a stylized logo and text.

CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Eases in Dull N.Y. Trading

NEW YORK — The dollar eased slightly Wednesday in New York, locked in a very narrow range in featureless trading. Dealers said there was little incentive to become involved in trading before the results of Wednesday's quarterly Treasury refunding and the release Friday of U.S. unemployment figures for April.

London Dollar Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Rate, and other financial data.

The dollar closed at 1.6783 Deutsche marks, an easing from 1.6798 DM Tuesday, at 124.70 Japanese yen, down from 125.15; at 5.7045 French francs, down from 5.7105; and at 1.3980 Swiss francs, almost unchanged after 1.3985.

The British pound, however, dipped against the dollar, closing at \$1.8645, compared with \$1.8690. The dollar had closed slightly higher in Europe after another day of dull trading.

U.S. Treasury Sets Refunding Of \$26 Billion

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Treasury said Wednesday it would auction \$26 billion of three-, 10- and 30-year securities next week to raise \$9.5 billion in new cash.

Australian Dollar Strong

The Australian dollar remained strong, supported by high domestic interest rates. The currency closed in New York at 77.22 U.S. cents, compared with 76.80 at Tuesday's close.

SUNDAY: IBM Ruling Raises Ire in West Germany

(Continued from first finance page) As a result, there is almost no West German industrial production on Sunday. But Baden-Württemberg is the ideal location to challenge the law, observers said. The state is a center of high-tech industry, particularly around Stuttgart, the state capital.

Baden-Württemberg, a center of high-tech industry, appears the ideal place to test the law.

at the Sindelfingen plant in an attempt to reduce the company's waste metal output by five percent, which would bring it in line with new state environmental regulations. The company had contended that the ban on Sunday work generated extra waste metal because of production inefficiencies in weekend shutdowns and Monday startups.

Manfred Bulling, the chief administrator of the state government, said the administration had been "extremely careful in dealing with the high culture properties of Sunday." "One cannot speak of a burst in the dam prohibiting Sunday work," he said.

Unemployment Is at 8.9% in West Germany

BONN — West Germany's unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent in April from 9.6 percent in March, but the Federal Labor Office, making the announcement Wednesday, attributed the decline to seasonal factors.

Taiwan's Currency Makes Further Gains on U.S. Dollar

TAIPEI — The Taiwan dollar's recent rise against the U.S. dollar signals a new round of appreciation of the local currency, foreign exchange dealers said.

The Taiwan dollar gained 2 cents Wednesday to close at 28.61 against the U.S. dollar, the third appreciation since Saturday, an official with the Foreign Exchange Trading Center said.

Each appreciation has been made in line with foreign exchange turnover between designated banks and customers, the official said. Dealers said the strength of the Taiwan dollar was caused by a re-orientation of the central bank's policy to prop up the U.S. dollar.

Washington has been pressing for a stronger Taiwan currency to help reduce the large U.S. trade deficit with the country. Taiwan's trade surplus with the United States in the first two months of 1988 was \$1.67 billion, down from \$2.35 billion a year earlier.

Wednesday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the most traded securities in terms of volume. It is updated twice a year.

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While IBM denies such allegations, its cloud in Baden-Württemberg is considerable. The company has more than 30,000 employees in the Stuttgart area. In 1987, IBM Deutschland had sales of 11.55 billion DM, down from 12.02 billion the previous year.

The Baden-Württemberg state government also denies such allegations. In announcing the decision, the state government said it was "not aware of any such allegations."

Industry's view was summed up in a recent speech by Tylt Necker, the president of the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie.

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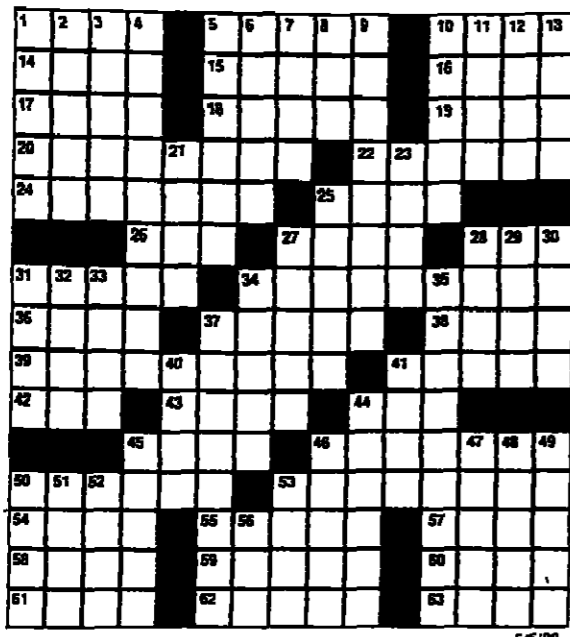
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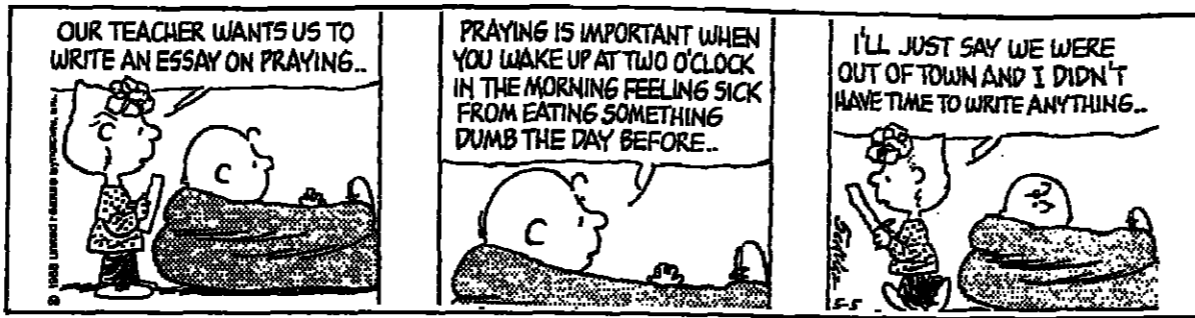
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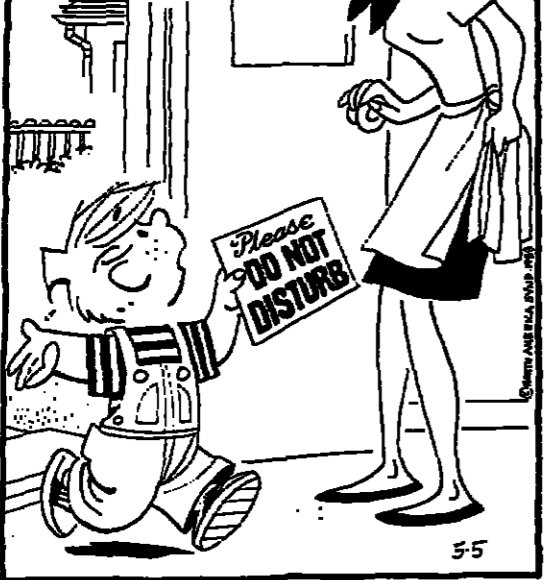
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WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Middle East, and Oceania. Columns include location, high, low, and conditions.

World Stock Markets

Table of world stock market indices and closing prices for major cities like Amsterdam, London, Frankfurt, Zurich, and others.

BOOKS

READING THE FIGHTS

Edited by Joyce Carol Oates and Daniel Halpern. Illustrated. 305 pages. \$17.95. Henry Holt, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10175.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

Norman Mailer is "America's Greatest Ego," the "very spirit of the twentieth century," the "prince of mass man and the media," the "new Poobah of Polemic." To Joyce Carol Oates, he is a brilliant strategist with an inimitable style, combining intelligence, wit, grace, irreverence, cunning, and Michael Stephens, a playwright, sees him as "an Aristophanic clown." Professor Ronald LeVao describes him as an "expert parodist," and the journalist Hugh McElvaney describes him as "an existential thinker."

In each case, these writers are speaking not about a colleague or fictional character, but about Muhammad Ali. Nor is Ali the only boxer to inspire such high-flown descriptions. In this anthology of essays about boxing, A.J. Liebling compares Archie Moore — in his battle with Rocky Marciano — to Ahab, Sisyphus and Don Giovanni; and Elliott J. Gorn, a scholar, looks at the Gene Tunney-Jack Dempsey fight as a showdown between a Horatio Alger hero and an outlaw villain.

Sherwood Anderson, LeVao tells us, "saw in the fighter a metaphor for the artist's creative frenzy," and LeVao contends that writing and boxing share an "apparent blend of passion and thought." Stephens points out that both professions require isolation, training and discipline; Mailer argues, with typical hyperbole, that prizefighters can speak "with a command of the body which is as detached, subtle, and comprehensive in its intelligence as any exercise of mind by such social engineers as Herman Kahn or Henry Kissinger."

In the end, though, Mailer also acknowledges the huge, unbridgeable gap that exists between writing and boxing. After trying to compare a boxing match to a 24-hour-long debate between himself and William F. Buckley, he finally concedes that when talking "about Ali and Frazier, their psyches, their

styles, their honor, their character, their greatness, and their flaws, we have to recognize that there is no way to comprehend them as we like ourselves."

Oates, in fact, may have come closest to explaining the literary fascination of the ring when she observed in her thoughtful book ("On Boxing," published last year) that the writer contemplates his opposite in the boxer, who is all public display, all risk and, ideally, improvisation: he will know his limit in a way that the writer, like all artists, never quite knows his limit.

While writers live in "a kaleidoscopic world of ever-shifting assessments and judgments, unable to determine whether it is revelation or supreme self-delusion that fuels our most crucial efforts," the boxer inhabits a world nearly devoid of ambiguity — a deterministic world where absolute judgment has rendered and pain, even death, results.

Because of this disparity, many of the writers in "Reading the Fights" assume a rather nervous stance vis-à-vis their subject. In recounting his Walter Mitty dream of fighting Archie Moore, George Plimpton plays along sheepishly with his incoherence and fears — the patent absurdity of his undertaking.

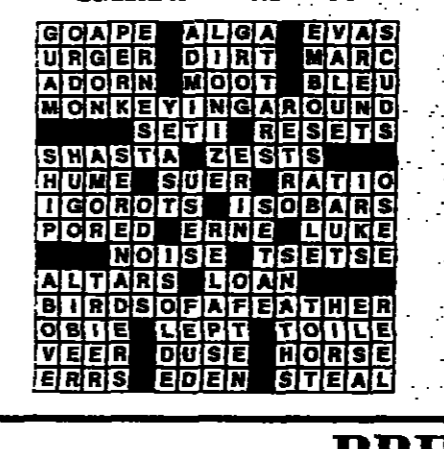
And in covering the Ali-Frazier fight, Mailer noisily romanticizes the boxer, speaking of their "noble egg" compared with the "lesser egg of authors." "If they become champions," he writes, "they begin to have inner lives like Hemingway or Dosztoievsky, Tolstoy or Faulkner, Joyce or Melville, or Conrad or Lawrence or Proust." It is an odd, even nonsensical, analogy, but it's the doublets meant as the highest praise he can think of.

In other cases, the attempt to "read" boxing matches as literary texts results in simple pretension. Though his essay makes some valid sociological points, Gorn — who regards boxing matches as stories "inviting energetic" — undermines his credibility when he inflates the Tunney-Dempsey fight into a metaphor embracing the fate of Western civilization.

"Embodying key nouns underlying a corporate-liberal society," he writes, "the Fighting Marine stepped forth to tame the Manassa. Mailer, just as scientific managers and industrial engineers sought noncapitalist labor patterns under control, the American Expeditionary Force subdued the 'barbaric' Germans; modern psychology illumined the darkness of the human unconscious; the Justice Department, hounded radicals, and education conquered the immigrants' ignorance of American ways."

After a passage like that, it's a relief to turn to Gay Talese's piece on Floyd Patterson, a piece that allows the eloquent fighter to speak for himself. "What you're thinking about is all those months of training, all the conditioning, all the depriving," he says after losing to Sonny Liston, "and you think, 'I didn't have to run that extra mile, didn't have to spar that day, I could have stayed up that night in camp and watched the late show... I could have fought this fight tonight in no condition!'"

Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of The New York Times.



BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

WHEN more than half a century ago, the late Theodore Lightner introduced his famous slam double to ask for a moderate penalty and persevered to the five-level in search of a vulnerable game. They were right in a sense, for plus 500 would have been a poor score. But they did even worse, for Jess Greenspan produced a Lightner-flavor double. Normally, a player who has made a pre-emptive bid cannot double for penalties; his defensive capability is known to be limited, and his partner is in the driver's seat. Here the double was an attempt to suggest a lead in dummy's suit, and the message was interpreted correctly.

Jon Greenspan led the diamond ten, with suit preference in mind. He expected his partner to ruff the opening lead, and he wanted to suggest that he had a possible entry to the high-ranking heart suit to provide another ruff. East could not ruff immediately, but he had worked out a valid defensive scenario. When dummy won and led a trump, he put up his ace, underfed his heart ace, and recovered the crucial ruff for down one. Plus 200 was worth all the match points, for North-South routinely made a game in spades at the other tables.

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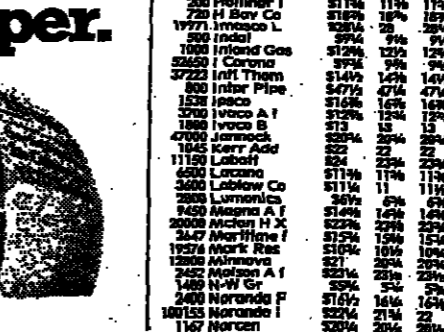
Stock Markets

Table of stock market indices and closing prices for various international markets like Amsterdam, London, Frankfurt, Zurich, and others.

Market Closed

The stock market in Tokyo was closed Wednesday for a holiday.

The Global Newspaper.



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SPORTS

Lakers Sweep Spurs; Cavaliers Stay Alive

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The Los Angeles Lakers' 15th consecutive victory in a first-round National Basketball Association playoff game wasn't easy.

After the lead changed hands several times, Brickowski hit a 3-pointer with 34 seconds left, making it 109-107, and the Spurs regained possession with 10 seconds to go after a three-second violation.

Cleveland never trailed; the Bulls got no closer than six points in the second half.

Detlef Schrempf slapped the ball back toward midcourt as the game ended.



Dave Stewart, at work against the Tigers: "I just take my turn each time and try to go as long as I can."

Oilers Beat Wings, 4-1, In Opener

EDMONTON, Alberta — During the regular season, Wayne Gretzky suffered an injury that cost him the chance at another National Hockey League scoring title.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

a long time, and it was extremely good for the team because people got confidence playing without me," Gretzky said.

The all-star center was on track for an eighth straight scoring title when a back injury knocked him out for 12 games; he also sustained an eye injury over a career-high 16 games overall.



Wayne Gretzky "I feel very strong, very solid."

Stewart First in Majors to Win No. 7

DETROIT — Dave Stewart didn't have the kind of stuff on Tuesday that he's had most of this year, but he still became the first

seven-game winner in the major leagues this season as Oakland ran its winning streak to nine with an 8-2 rout of the Detroit Tigers.

Stewart had help in the form of three runs batted in apiece from Carney Lansford and Mike Gallego and benefited from the balk mania that had been working against him.

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Reining In McEnroe's Reign

NEW YORK — "But who needs it more? Do you need tennis more, or does tennis need you more?" Diane Sawyer asked John McEnroe on television's "60 Minutes" Sunday night.

Without dispute, McEnroe made a great impact on the sport of tennis, but he was not tennis.

And perhaps, at this stage of his career, after having made millions of dollars from the sport, McEnroe, at 29, doesn't need tennis, either. Not any more.

There was, in the narrowness of that view, he comes by this other — that of being grander than his sport. And if he is, then he can scream like crazy and no one will tell him to go to his room.



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ART BUCHWALD

Losing for the Gipper

WASHINGTON — Last week when the president heard that the Baltimore Orioles had broken their losing streak of 21 games, he immediately called Howard Baker and said, "Let's get these guys to the White House."



Art Buchwald

"But, sir, it wasn't a good record. It was a bad one. The Orioles lost 21 games in a row. No president has ever invited a team to the White House because they lost so many games."

Greece Plans Concert For Acropolis Museum

ATHENS — Culture Minister Melina Mercouri announced plans for a gala concert to help finance a \$20-million Acropolis museum. "The Stars Shine for the Acropolis" will be held Aug. 3 at the Herod Atticus amphitheater at the foot of the Acropolis.

"I can't remember the names, but many of them worked right here in this building."

"Well, no one ever told me about it. Now what should I say to the Orioles?"

"Why don't you say, 'As always, victory has a hundred fathers, but the Orioles are orphans?'"

"Mr. President, don't you think it's a mistake for you to be photographed with people who have dropped the ball so many times?"

"I don't see anything wrong with it. We're not honoring a team for losing 21 games, we're recognizing them for winning one. I believe by inviting the Orioles to the White House that we are paying tribute to all Americans who strike out most of their lives."

"Since you put it that way, Mr. President, it does make sense. After all, we have had losers in the White House before."

Jeremy Irons's Rx For Twin Doctors

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service



Irons (with Genevieve Bujold) plays two doctors in "Twins."

TORONTO — Jeremy Irons, who made a major impact on American audiences with his performances in television's "Brideshead Revisited" and with his Tony Award-winning role in the Broadway version of Tom Stoppard's "Real Thing," has been particularly in his selection of film roles. Irons, who will turn 40 later this year, has appeared in only seven pictures, none of them made in Hollywood and only two of them, "The French Lieutenant's Woman" and "The Mission," widely known among mainstream audiences.

Lately, Irons has opted for larger risks. He has spent the past 10 weeks in Toronto filming "Twins," a psychological drama scheduled for release in the United States this fall. In the film, Irons plays Beverly and Elliott Mantle, identical twin brothers who are partners in a world-renowned fertility clinic, who share a passion for one of their famous patients and who see their practice — and their lives — dissolve in a haze of drugs.

The dramatic interest centers on the unsuccessful attempts by Beverly, the weaker brother, to break away from his psychological ties to his twin in order to build a love relationship with Claire Niveau, played by Bujold.

For the film the location has been removed to Toronto from New York, and one major element of the book, the homosexuality of one of the brothers, has been abandoned. What is left is a plot about the two close but contrasting brothers, the confident, glib Elliott and the introverted, sensitive Beverly, about a French actress (played by Bujold) with a drug habit who comes to their clinic seeking help in having a child, and about the involvement of both brothers with her.

For Irons, the challenge of the film lay only partly in the difficulty of playing dual roles, a task that has fallen to a number of actors in the past (Bette Davis in "Dead Ringer," Olivia de Havilland in "Dark Mirror," among others). Irons has a reputation as one of the most technically proficient actors around, and it was this that prompted David Cronenberg, the Canadian director of "Twins," and co-author of the script with Norman Snider, a To-



Drs. Cyril and Stewart Marcus, twins who committed suicide.

When Cronenberg flew to London last May to discuss the project with Irons, who had returned to England after filming "The Mission" to undertake two years of repertory acting with the Royal Shakespeare Company, it was touch and go. During a break in the filming here, the English actor said that he knew of the Canadian as a "cult director" and as a man whose "videos were in every store in London," but that when the two men met in London he was not sure that "Twins" was for him.

"I was a little concerned, especially when I read the script," Irons said as he relaxed in a motor-home-turned-dressing-room provided for him outside the converted warehouse in north Toronto where "Twins" was filmed. Puffing on a cigarette, the actor recalled the reaction among women friends who read the script. "Every woman I spoke to said, 'Don't do it,'" he said. "I can understand that; the film plays on a lot of women's nightmares."

After a screen test in Toronto to satisfy his and Cronenberg's concern that he could handle the technical subtleties required to portray twins, Irons signed on. "I thought, 'This could work,'" he said. "To an extent, it was a case of nothing ventured, nothing gained, but there was also the belief that I would be able to fall on my backside, if that should turn out to be the case."

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Whether Cronenberg can succeed in achieving a compelling realism in the production as a whole is another matter. The challenge for him, he said at the outset of "Twins," was to make the transition from the horror film genre in which the aim was "to make the fantastical seem real," as he did so successfully with "The Fly," to working with characters and a plot that, to be convincing, must seem true to life.

"The idea of twins has always seemed so provocative to me," he said. "As I envisage it, the essence of the relationship is one in which identities become confused, and suffocating, but which are unbreakable and cannot be broken, not at any rate this side of death."

PEOPLE

Churchill's 1941 Ploy With Astrologer Told

Winston Churchill's official biographer says the prime minister used an astrologer in a political ploy to get the United States to enter World War II. In the summer of 1941, the Oxford University historian Martin Gilbert said, "a convention of astrologers in the United States dominated by pro-German groups had predicted the victory of Hitler in the war, which was clearly a good reason for America staying out of it. Learning of this, Churchill at once dispatched to the States the astrologer Louis De Wohl who approved from the same constellation of stars and moons and what astrologers use that Hitler would, in fact, lose."

The 10-day auction of Amy Winehouse's vast collection of tapes and treasures ended Tuesday with total sales of more than \$25 million, two-thirds more than the top pre-sale evaluation of an expert.

Simon & Schuster led the U.S. publishing industry over the digital hurdle when it signed a \$10 million contract to publish three novels of the best-selling suspense writer Mary Higgins Clark, author of "A Stranger in the Woods," "The Cradle Will Fall" and "Weep No More My Lady." One per-book basis, this figure does not match recent mega-deals such as the \$5 million William Morrow paid for James Cameron's "The Edge of Tomorrow" three years ago, the \$3 million Warner Books agreed to pay for the sequel to "The Sandlot" and the \$2 million Random House reportedly paid Barbara Taylor Bradford for three forthcoming novels.

Nancy Reagan has been named honorary chairwoman of the new American-Soviet Youth Orchestra for its inaugural tour of the United States, Aug. 5-14. Zoltan Kocsart will conduct the orchestra while Washington: The orchestra will tour the Soviet Union Aug. 19-30.

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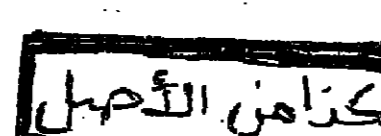
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